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SUBJ: BELGIAN ENRICHED URANIUM POLICY

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1. GOB FONMIN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE NUCLEAR AFFAIRS (HERPELS) WENT OVER WITH EMBOFF CURRENT STATE OF THINKING ON FUTURE BELGIAN ENRICHED URANIUM POLICY. AT PRESENT, WITH ONE EYE ON TRIPARTITE CENTRIFUGAL PROJECT AND THE OTHER ON FRENCH STUDY, WITH CHANGES IN U. S. ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONDITIONS, AND WITH POSSIBILITY OF PROCUREMENT FROM USSR, GOB MUST SIMPLY WAIT OUT NEXT FEW MONTHS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ENOUGH HARD INFORMATION TO MAKE VALID POLICY DECISION.

2. HERPELS SAID OVERALL GOB ENERGY POLICY REQUIRES DECISION BY END OF THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, AND SHE IS DOUBTFUL THAT UNCERTAINTIES WILL BE RESOLVED BY THAT TIME. SHE SAID THAT FIRST POLICY CRITERION IS RELIABILITY OF SUPPLY, WHICH TO HER MEANS DIVERSITY

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OF SOURCE, AND SECOND CRITERION IS COST. SHE SUSPECTS THAT COMPROMISE BETWEEN THESE TWO CRITERIA WILL END UP BEING PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN HIGHER- COST PLANT PLUS LONG- TERM CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH U. S. AND POSSIBLY EVEN WITH USSR, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY OFFER LOWEST COST.

3. HERPELS HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM RAHIR ON ASSURANCES GIVEN BY DEPT ASST SECY SPRINGSTEEN REGARDING AEC' S NEW CRITERIA (SEE REFTEL). SHE SAID NEW INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO BELGIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON REQUESTING CLARIFICATION ON CERTAIN POINTS. STRAUSZ- HUPE

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